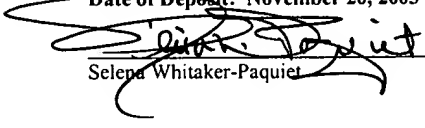




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Dear Examiner:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 21, 2003, applicants submit the following remarks. As no changes to the claims or specification are being made in this Reply, a listing of the claims is not being provided.

Remarks/Arguments start on page 2 of this response.